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GENERAL IMPORTER

Cromwell  
Queenstown

WE have much pleasure in calling on the public and surrounding districts.

**LARGE AND WELL**

Which is specially suitable to supply the public with complete and assorted goods.

**Drapery.** The attention of Ladies is respectfully directed to this Department. It will be found replete with all the latest novelties from the Melbourne markets, (carefully selected by our Mr Hallenstein), comprising:—  
Dresses, in silks, fancy and black; alpaca, challis, mohairs, winceys, muslins, prints, &c.  
Shawls, all-wool plaids, French merinos, shirtings, jackets, &c.  
Hosiery, gloves, handkerchiefs, laces, trimmings of all kinds.  
Ladies' and Children's Underclothing.—Our stock will be found the largest and best-assorted on the Gold-fields.  
Ladies' and Children's Hats, trimmed and untrimmed.  
Feathers, flowers, corsets, chignons, &c.  
A large assortment of white and coloured flannels, serge and cricketing; calicoes and sheetings; and every other article required in the trade.

**Slop Department.** Men's Suits, Paget and Leopold, Stanley, &c, and knickerbocker Trowsers and vests, all kinds.  
Trowsers, in silk mixture, doeskin, tweed, cotton, Bedford cord, and moleskin.  
Shirts—white dress, regatta, Crimean, serge, Scotch twill, tweed, and jean.  
Pants and under-shirts, in flannel, lambswool, serge, merino, and cotton.  
Men's and boys' Hosiery, of all kinds.  
Hats—straw, merino, tweed, silk-stitched, felt, and plush, in all the latest shapes.  
Waterproof coats, overalls, leggings and sou'westers.  
Monkey jackets and pilot coats.  
All the above Goods are to our special order.

**Boots and Shoes.** A splendid assortment, consisting of:—  
Ladies', girls', and children's boots, in kid, cashmere, morocco, and leather.  
Slippers—canvas, patent leather (plain and fur-trimmed), sheepskin, and carpet.  
Men's and boys' boots—elastic side, Balmoral, Blucher, Wellington, half Wellington, and riding boots.  
Colonial water-tights, made to our order in Melbourne.  
Gum boots—Hayward's North British and Liverpool; Hardy's nuggets.

**Carpets.** In tapestry, felt, all-wool kildeer, minister, drugget; hearth-rugs.  
**Matting.**—China and coir; oilcloth, door-mats.

ALL ORDERS WILL RECEIVE OUR PROMPT AND CAREFUL ATTENTION.

**KAWARAU HOTEL,**  
CROMWELL.

WILLIAM SMITHAM, PROPRIETOR.

The best conducted and most comfortable Hotel in the District.

**A FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD ROOM,**  
With one of Alcock's best Tables.

Coaches leave for Queenstown and Arrow every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9 a.m.; for Clyde every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at 3.30 p.m.; and for Cardrona and Albertown every Wednesday at 9 a.m.

N.B.—W. S. having erected a large range of Stabling, would intimate to Travellers that every care will be bestowed upon horses. An experienced groom in attendance.

**CROMWELL.**



**FREE TRADE BUTCHERY,**

(Wholesale and Retail),

**JAMES DAWKINS, PROPRIETOR.**

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout the district.

[A CARD.]

**R. F. BADGER,**

LEGAL AND MINING AGENT,

MELMORE-STREET,

**CROMWELL;**

AND AT BENDIGO GULLY.

**CROMWELL HOTEL,**

CROMWELL.

ROBERT KIDD, PROPRIETOR.

The travelling public and Commercial Gentlemen will find this the most convenient house to put up at in Cromwell. There are excellent bed, private sitting, and dining rooms, and attached to the establishment is a magnificent Billiard Saloon, and the largest hall for Concerts, Balls, or Theatrical Representations out of Dunedin.

Excellent Stabling, &c.

**CROMWELL TIMBER & IRON YARD**  
LATE MR GRANT'S  
NEW ZEALAND & AMERICAN TIMBER YARD.

**JAMES TAYLOR,**

Carpenter and Builder, Ironmonger,

Has FOR SALE all kinds of Building Material suitable for the district.

Estimates given for Buildings at the Lowest Prices compatible with Good Material and Workmanship.

Punctuality and attention to all orders may be relied on.

A Large Assortment of Paperhangings, Paints, Glass, FURNITURE—comprising Chairs, Tables, Washstands; Iron Bedsteads, &c.

Building Ironmongery, Carpenters' and Miners' Tools, Hemp, Wire, and Manila Rope, SADDLERY, &c., cheap.

**CROMWELL.**

**M. R. MANDERS,**  
LEGAL AND MINING AGENT.

Registered to practise in the Warlen's Courts for the Dunstan Goldfields.

Agent for the Northern Fire and Life Insurance Company (capital Two Millions).

**W. H. WHEATER,**  
BOOTMAKER,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

A large and varied stock of Home and Colonial-made Boots and Shoes on hand, to which attention is respectfully requested.

PRICES MODERATE.

**DAGG'S**

**CLUTHA HOTEL,**

CROMWELL.

Best Accommodation for Visitors.

**PRETTY FAIR LIQUOR.**

**FIRST-CLASS STABLING.**

**LIME! LIME!! LIME!!!**

From the DEEP CREEK KILNS.

**I. HALLENSTEIN & Co.,**

Agents for the Cromwell District.

[A CARD.]

**D. R. JAMES CORSE,**

SURGEON,

May be consulted daily at his residence,

MELMORE-STREET,

CROMWELL.

**V. R. NOTICE.**

COURTS will be held in the CROMWELL DISTRICT as follows:—

WEDNESDAY { MAY 25,  
JUNE 8, 22

VINCENT PYKE, R.M.

Cromwell, April 5, 1870.

**Smithfield Butchery Company.**



**OWEN PIERCE** (late of St. Bathans) having purchased from Mr W. J. BARRY the Butchery Business lately carried on by him in Cromwell, begs to intimate that he is in a position to supply the best description of meat at moderate prices.

O. P. hopes by strict attention to business, and keeping meat of the very best quality, to obtain a share of public support.

SPARKS FROM THE ANVIL.

**WILLIAM BARNES,**  
BLACKSMITH AND FARRIER,  
(Late of Adlestree, Surrey).

Begs to announce to the inhabitants of CROMWELL and the surrounding Districts that he is now carrying on the above business near the Bridge Hotel; and trusts, by strict attention to business, coupled with moderate charges, to secure a share of the work of the district.

**SHAMROCK STORE,**  
CROMWELL.

**WILLIAM SHANLY & Co.,**

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

**WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANTS.**

A large and varied assortment of WINES, SPIRITS, AND GROCERIES.

Goods delivered in all parts of the district, free of charge.

**NOTICE.**

I BEG to intimate to the public that I have leased the STABLES belonging to the BRIDGE HOTEL to Mr FRANK FOURIE.

JOHN MARSH.

HAVING leased from Mr John Marsh the above well-known STABLES, I beg to solicit the support of my old friends, and the public generally, and trust, by strict attention and moderate charges, to merit a share of public patronage.

Horses always on hire.

Horses carefully broken to saddle or harness.

F. FOOTE.

**COACH TO BENDIGO.**

The undersigned begs to intimate that a Two-HORSE CONVEYANCE will leave Bendigo Township for Cromwell EVERY WEDNESDAY, at eight o'clock a.m., returning same day at four p.m. Booking Office, Cromwell; Dagg's Clutha Hotel. Fares to and from, 12s. 6d.; single fare, 7s. 6d. Parcels as may be agreed upon.

27 JAMES LAWRENCE, Proprietor.

**NOTICE.**

POISON for DOGS will be laid on MOUNT PISA STATION on and after this date.

I. LOUGHNAN.

**NOTICE.**

POISON for DOGS has been laid on the ARDMOUR STATION.

JOHN M. McLEAN.

BRIDGE HOTEL, CROMWELL.  
Of the Bridge Hotel, Cromwell,  
IS DETERMINED TO GIVE VALUE FOR MONEY.

**CROMWELL VETERINARY**

SHOEING FORGE.

Next door to Smitham's Kawarau Hotel.

**D. WARD LINDSAY,**

(Late of Clyde and Melbourne).

GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER,

AND MACHINIST.

to inform the public of Cromwell, and to inform the public of Cromwell.

by strict attention to business,

of all work placed in his hands

a first-class and workmanlike manner, to

merit a continuance of the support accorded his

predecessor.

**LATEST NEWS BY EACH MAIL.**

DANIEL MOORE, News Agent, BENDIGO

fully and Cromwell, has always on hand a

large supply of BOOKS and PAPERS (English,

Irish, Scotch, and American); also, MAGAZINES

Home and Foreign, by each mail. To be delivered

weekly, in any part of the district, on the

shortest notice. Small parcels, &c., conveyed

to and from the Reef, by, at moderate

charges. Orders addressed "Cromwell" will

be immediately and strict attention.

in connection with any other person in the

D. MOORE, News Agent.

Lowburn, Bendigo Gully, &amp;c.

**WELCOME HOME HOTEL**  
AND STORE.

LOWBURN.

About three miles from Cromwell, on the road to the Bendigo Reefs.

JOHN PERRIAM - PROPRIETOR.

Every accommodation for Travellers.

**WAKEFIELD FERRY HOTEL**  
ROCKY POINT.

On the main road to Bendigo.

The best quality of Wines, Spirits, and Beers kept in stock.

A Five-stalled Stable.

Good accommodation for travellers.

\*\* District Post Office. \*\*

**THE WAKEFIELD FERRY**

Is the best and safest crossing-place on the Clutha River, and is on the direct road to the Bendigo Reefs.

The Punt and Boats are worked by careful and experienced boatmen, and the heaviest waggons can be crossed at any time with perfect safety.

HUGH M'PHERSON,

Proprietor.

**MITCHINSON & HARRISON,**

Wholesale and Retail

STOREKEEPERS,

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANTS,

WAKEFIELD STORE,

(Near Cromwell Quartz Co.'s Machine),

BENDIGO.

GOODS DELIVERED

'At all parts of the Reefs.

BENDIGO AND WAKEFIELD POST-OFFICE.

**BENDIGO REEFS HOTEL,**  
WAKEFIELD.

The undersigned having recently completed the above house at great expense, begs to intimate that he is now in a position to offer the best Accommodation to his patrons. The house has been fitted with every convenience for carrying on an extensive trade, and the comfort of visitors and boarders will be specially attended to.

Commodious BILLIARD ROOM, with one of the best Tables.

W. GOODALL,

Proprietor.

**PROVINCIAL HOTEL,**  
LOGANTOWN.

KELSALL &amp; WILSON,

Proprietors.

The above house is the largest and most commodious in the district.

EXTENSIVE STABLING.

GENERAL STORE attached to the hotel, with a large and varied assortment of Groceries and other goods.

Orders punctually attended to, and goods delivered throughout the district on the shortest notice.

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**HAWEA SAW-MILLS.**

The undersigned can supply SAWN TIMBER in any quantity.

Orders addressed to Albert Town will be punctually attended to, and forwarded to Bendigo Gully for 26s per 100 feet.

Boards and SCANTLING at 16s. per 100 feet super., at the foot of the Lake (GLADSTONE), whence they can be conveyed by dray to Bendigo Gully or elsewhere.

J. D. ROSS,

Hawea Saw-mills.

Bendigo, Luggate, and Wanaka

**REEFERS' ARMS HOTEL,**  
Logantown.

JAMES BEARE ..... PROPRIETOR.

The above house is the largest and most comfortable in the district.

GOOD STABLING.

**ALBION HOTEL AND STORE**

LUGGATE,

(28 miles from Cromwell, on the main road to Lake Wanaka).

H. MAIDMAN ..... PROPRIETOR.

This well-known Hotel possesses every accommodation for the comfort and convenience of travellers.

Groceries, Clothing, Drapery, Ironmongery, Mining Tools, &amp;c., &amp;c., constantly on hand, at Cromwell prices.

GOOD STABLING.

N.B.—District Post Office.

**WANAKA HOTEL, PEMBROKE.**

The above hotel, which is delightfully situated on the margin of the Wanaka Lake, offers to the tourist and pleasure-seeker advantages rarely to be met with.

The scenery in the neighbourhood is exceedingly picturesque; and on an Island in the Lake there is excellent rabbit-shooting.

A large PLEASURE-BOAT is kept for the accommodation of visitors, and every care is taken to provide means for their enjoyment while staying at the WANAKA HOTEL, which is universally admitted to be one of the most comfortable and best conducted houses in the Province.

The Proprietor of the WANAKA HOTEL can confidently state that a more pleasant method of passing a few days free from the turmoil and care of business, than by a sojourn in the neighbourhood of the picturesque and romantic Wanaka Lake, can scarcely be imagined.

**THE STORE,**

In connection with the hotel, is well supplied with Groceries, Household Utensils, Ironmongery, Mining Tools, &amp;c.

THEODORE RUSSELL,

Proprietor.

Alexandra

**ROYAL MAIL HOTEL,**  
ALEXANDRA.

J. H. MASON ..... PROPRIETOR.

Wines and Spirits of the best description.

Every accommodation for Travellers.

Good Stabling, and Loose Boxes.

One of Alcock and Co.'s full-sized BILLIARD TABLES.

A. JACK'S

**CRITERION FAMILY & COMMERCIAL**  
HOTEL,

ALEXANDRA.

Livery and Bait Stables.—Loose Boxes, Coach-house, &amp;c.

FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD TABLE.

Miscellaneous.

**JUNCTION HOTEL,**  
TUAPEKA ROAD,  
(Seventeen miles from Lawrence).

HUGH MACKENZIE,

(Late of Manukerikia),

Desires to inform his numerous friends throughout the Northern Gold-fields that he has purchased the JUNCTION HOTEL, lately kept by Mr Thomas Higgs; and that he is enabled to offer, at the above hotel, accommodation equal to that of any house on the road.

Branch Booking Office for Cobb's Coaches to Teviot and Switzers.

Passengers change coaches for Switzers at the Junction Hotel.

Good stabling and paddock accommodation.

**EAST TAIERI HOTEL,**  
EAST TAIERI.

R. FENWICK ..... PROPRIETOR.

Wines and Spirits of the best brands.

Stopping Place of Cobb and Co.'s Coaches.

Bannockburn

**STUART'S FERRY,**  
KAWARAU RIVER.

Main crossing-place between Cromwell and the Nevis for Waggons, Drays, Horses, and Foot passengers.

Children attending School, Free.

**THE FERRY HOTEL**

Has first-class accommodation for Travellers.

**BANNOCKBURN HOTEL AND STORE,**

Doctor's Flat, Bannockburn,

(On the main road to the Nevis).

JOHN RICHARDS, PROPRIETOR.

Groceries and Household Requisites

Of all descriptions kept in stock.

The Goods, being obtained direct from Dunedin, are retailed at CROMWELL PRICES.

**SHEPHERD'S CREEK**  
HOTEL AND STORE,

BANNOCKBURN,

On the main road to the Nevis, 4½ miles from Cromwell.

**J. Halliday, Proprietor.**

An experienced Baker kept on the premises.

Wines, Spirits, and malt liquors of the best quality.

Ginger Beer and Cordial Manufacturer.

District Post Office.

Kawarau Gorge

**WHITE HART HOTEL,**  
KAWARAU GORGE,

(On the Main Road to Queenstown).

THOMAS HERON, ..... PROPRIETOR.

Good Accommodation for Travellers.

**SLUICER'S ARMS HOTEL,**  
KAWARAU GORGE,

JOHN WRIGHTSON,

Proprietor.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR TRAVELLERS.

GOOD STABLING. Three Loose Boxes, second to none.

BILLIARDS.

**DIGGER'S REST HOTEL,**  
KAWARAU GORGE.

NICHOLAS CAMPION,

Proprietor.

Wines and Spirits of the best description.

STABLING.

Nevis

**NEVIS CROSSING STORE**

(About five miles from the Nevis Township).

The undersigned, in returning thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed on him since commencing business, begs to intimate that he continues to keep a large and well-selected stock of SPIRITS, WINES, and GROCERIES of the very best description.

Goods regularly delivered throughout the surrounding district.

CHARLES KORLL.

**BRITISH STORES,**  
Nevis.

EDWARD THOMPSON,

**NORTHUMBERLAND ARMS HOTEL**  
AND STORE,

NEVIS.

A large and well-selected stock of GROCERIES of all descriptions constantly on hand.

Goods delivered throughout the surrounding district on the shortest notice.

A commodious BILLIARD ROOM is now in course of erection, and will shortly be furnished with one of Alcock &amp; Co.'s full-sized BILLIARD Tables.

The best accommodation for Travellers.

Good Stabling.

Miscellaneous

**CROMWELL AUCTION MART,**  
(Formerly Ziele's Store),

MELMORE-STREET.

W. J. BARRY,

Auctioneer, Cattle Salesman,

AND

COMMISSION AGENT,

Begs to announce to his friends, and the public generally, that he is now prepared to conduct

**AUCTION SALES**

in Cromwell, or any other part of the Province, at the lowest rate of commission.

W. J. B. begs to remind the public that his experience as a Cattle Salesman is unsurpassed by that of any other Auctioneer in the Province.

In conjunction with the Auction Mart, a large STORE has been secured, capable of holding 500 Tons of Goods, which will be done at a very low rate of storage.

MONTHLY SALES OF CATTLE will be held, particulars of which will be duly notified.

Extensive CATTLE YARDS—capable of accommodating from 200 to 300 head of Cattle, or from 5000 to 10,000 Sheep—have been erected on the Flat immediately adjoining the Township.

Drafting Pens for Cattle are provided, so that each party may have his stock sold in separate pens.

Arrangements have been made for receiving periodical consignments of Drapery Goods and General Merchandise from Dunedin and Melbourne, which will be sold at the Mart by Evening Sales.

**GOLDEN-SPANGLED HAMBURGH**  
FOWLS, very fine and pure, FOR SALE.  
Cook and Four Hens, 48s. Apply at the office of this Paper. t.e.Now Landing, and to arrive,  
500 TONS**FINEST NEW PATNA RICE**LANGE & THONEMAN,  
Merchants,

30-34 STAFFORD-ST., DUNEDIN.

Dunedin Advertisements

**DUNEDIN SEED WAREHOUSE**WM. REID, NURSERY AND SEED, of Rattray-street, begs to inform friends and the public generally, that he has secured those large and commodious premises known as *Steinhoff's Buildings* (Cab-stand and Custom-house), and trusts, by strict attention to business, and the most reasonable prices, to merit a continuance of past favours. Best of everything kept, and Country orders executed.**M'GUIRE'S IMPERIAL**  
AND COMMERCIAL

Corner of Princes and Hope streets

First-class accommodation for Travellers.

Suites of Apartments for Private

Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths always

LIVERY STABLING ATTACHED

**UNION HOTEL**  
STAFFORD-STREET, DUNEDIN.

E. LYONS, ..... PROPRIETOR.

(Late of the Masonic Dining Room, Princes-street).

Good Accommodation for Boarders

PRIVATE ROOMS FOR FAMILIES

CHARGES MODERATE

Wines and Spirits of excellent

Luggage Stored Free of Charge

One of Alcock's Billiard Tables

TO SUIT THE TIMES

**AUSTRALASIAN HOTEL**  
MacLaggan-street, Dunedin.

JAMES D. HUTTON, ..... PROPRIETOR.

(Late cook in the Scandinavian

Mouth Hotels), up-country

Has much pleasure in informing his friends, and the public in general, that he has taken the above house. Visitor

him will find themselves at home. First-class Board and Lodging, 18s per week. Wines, Spirits, Beds 1s. Deaf competition. Warrants

and Malt Liquors of the best quality.

22-47 Good Stabling, free of charge.

By appointment to H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, His Excellency the Governor-General, and the Volunteers.

**F. BEISSEL, Ladies' and Gentlemen's**  
HAIR-DRESSER & PERFUMER,

Rattray-street, Dunedin.

Warm, Cold, and Shower Baths, 1s., always ready.

Ladies' Hair dressed any style or fashion. A private room for ladies.

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**NOTICE OF REMOVAL.**

The Largest Stock of Goods in the Colony.

To Watchmakers, Jewellers, and the Public.

**N. SALOMON** begs to inform the

Inhabitants of Dunedin and Up-country Districts that he has taken those centrally-situated PREMISES in STEINHOFF BUILDINGS, (opposite the Custom-House, Princes-street, DUNEDIN), at present occupied by Mr R. K. Murray. Mr Salomon will take possession on 1st April, and previous to removing, he intends offering the whole of his large and well-assorted STOCK at almost COST PRICE. It consists of:

Ladies' and Gents' gold and silver hunting and open-faced English and Geneva Watches, by the best manufacturers

Colonial and English gold and silver Chains and Alberts, of the newest patterns

A large and choice assortment of English and Colonial Jewellery, set with diamonds and other precious stones

A large assortment of Silver and Electro-plated Goods

A choice assortment of Ladies' and Gents' sterling silver and electro-plated Dressing Cases

A handsome stock of sterling Silver Cups, suitable for race, yachting, rifle, or artillery prizes

Sterling silver and electro-plated Inkstands in great variety

Telescopes; Opera, Field, and Marine Glasses, English and French Clocks, from best makers

Musical Boxes, with all the latest improvements

A very choice assortment of Goods for Presentations, &amp;c., &amp;c.; and of other Goods, too numerous to detail.

All articles will in future be marked in plain figures, so that Visitors may judge for themselves of the cheap rate at which goods are being sold.

Watches and Jewellery carefully repaired at the lowest possible rates.

First-class Workmen kept on the premises.

COUNTRY ORDERS PUNCTUALLY ATTENDED TO.

Note the address:

N. SALOMON,

WATCHMAKER, JEWELLER, AND SILVERSMITH,

(Next the Bank of New Zealand)

Princes-street, Dunedin.

**DUNEDIN AGENCY.**

Messrs SKIRVING &amp; SCHOLEFIELD, No. 1 Chambers, opposite Government Building, Princes-street, DUNEDIN have been appointed

AGENTS for the ARMS.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

Advertisers in the CROMWELL ARGUS will have their names and addresses inserted in this column free of charge.

CROMWELL.

Badger, R. F., Agent, Melmore street  
Barnes, W., Blacksmith and Farrier, do.  
Clyde, Cromwell, and Queenstown Coach.  
E. W. Daniels.  
Corra, Dr. James, Surgeon, do.  
Dawkins, James, Free Trade Butchery, do.  
Dagg, R. E., Clutha Hotel, do.  
Fitch, Allen, Draper and Clothier, do.  
Lindsay, E., Blacksmith, Melmore-street  
Scott, J., Baker, do.  
Mc, John, Bridge Hotel, do.  
Ks, Robert, Cromwell Hotel, do.  
Mc, Robert, Agent, do.  
Witer, W. H., Bootmaker, do.  
Pierce, O., Smithfield Butchery, Melmore-st.  
Shanly, W., & Co., General Merchants, do.  
Smitham, William, Kawarau Hotel, do.  
Hallenstein, I., & Co., Merchants, do.  
Matthews & Fenwick, General Printers, do.  
Hallenstein, I., & Co., Drapers and Clothiers

CLYDE.

Barlow, R., Watchmaker and Jeweller  
Brough, Anthony, Barrister and Solicitor  
Fitch, Allen, Draper and Outfitter  
Marshall, M., Chemist and Druggist  
Con, John, Port Philip Hotel  
Hallenstein, James, General Merchants

ALEXANDRA.

Josh, Alexander, Criterion Hotel  
Mason, J. H., Royal Mail Hotel.

BENDIGO GULLY & ROAD.

Beare, J., Rees's Arms Hotel and Store  
Mitchinson and Harrison, Storekeepers  
McPherson, H., Wakefield Ferry and Hotel,  
Rocky Point  
McLachlan, G., Rocky Point Ferry & Hotel  
Perriam, John, Welcome Home Hotel and  
Store, Lowburn.  
Smith and O'Donnell, Old Bendigo Hotel  
and Stores

KAWARAU GORGE.

Campion, Nicholas, Diggers' Rest Hotel  
Heron, Thomas, White Hart Hotel  
Wrightson, John, Sluicers' Arms Hotel.

BANNOCKBURN.

Holliday, J., Shepherd's Creek Hotel & Store  
Nicholas, J., Gladstone Coal Works  
Holliday, J., Bannockburn Hotel and Store  
Holliday, J., James, Ferry Hotel.

NEVIS.

By, George, British Stores  
C., Nevis Crossing Hotel and Store  
Holliday, Edward, Northumberland Arms  
Hotel and Store.

QUEENSTOWN.

Bayne, Robert, Storekeeper and News Agent  
Dohay, P., Union Hotel  
Eichardt, A., Queen's Arms Hotel  
McLarn, W., Prince of Wales Hotel  
Robertson & Hallenstein, Brunswick Flour  
Mills  
Smith, P., Watchmaker and Jeweller.

ARROWTOWN.

Butler's Accommodation Paddock  
Pritchard, R., General Merchants.

WANAKA.

Haddist & Russell, Wanaka Hotel, Pem-  
broke

DUNEDIN.

Baird, William, Bookseller and Stationer  
Baker, A., Watchmaker and Jeweller  
Braschwaite, Joseph, News-agent, Fleet-street  
Beissel, F., Hairdresser and Perfumer  
Chaplin, John, & Co., Coach Proprietors  
Dickson, T., Cabinetmaker and Upholsterer  
Hay, David R., Tailor and Outfitter  
Hoslop, John, Watchmaker and Jeweller  
Hutton, J. D., Australasian Hotel  
Kinoid, M. Queen and Co., Vulcan Foundry  
London Pianoforte and Music Saloon  
Lyons, E., Union Hotel, Stafford-street  
Matthews, George, Nurseryman, Seedsman,  
and Seed-grower  
McGuire's Imperial Hotel, Princes-street  
Otage Hotel: T. A. Jones  
Reid, W., Dunedin Seed Warehouse  
Reid, W., Booksellers and Stationers  
Salmon, N., Watchmaker and Jeweller  
Simpson, W., Tailor and Clothier  
Skevington and Scholfield, Advertising and  
Commission Agents  
Sparrow and Thomas, Dunedin Ironworks  
Thomson, Frederick, Watchmaker & Jeweller  
Thompson, W., Red Lion Hotel  
Wilson, W., Engineer, Boilermaker, &c.  
Winstanley, Thomas, Scandinavian Hotel  
Wheeler, R. T., Advertising and General  
Commission Agent  
Hotel: Alex. Mee.

SCCELLANEOUS.

al Creek Hotel (half-way  
and Lawrence)  
Hotel  
D. Ross, proprietor  
St. Bathans  
Hotel and Store,

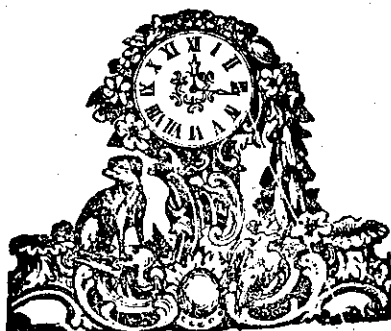
Queenstown

DOHEY'S UNION HOTEL

CORNER OF  
BALLARAT & REES STREETS,  
QUEENSTOWN.

The above is one of the oldest-established  
houses in Queenstown, and is celebrated for the  
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on his part to maintain the favourable reputa-  
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A range of STABLING is in course of erec-  
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ALSO,

Lately arrived, a very suitable and elegant  
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All disorders affecting the Liver, Stomach  
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These Pills can be confidently recommended  
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stomach right. These Pills are purifiers, altera-  
tives, and the strengtheners of the stomach.  
They may be taken under any circumstances.  
Though powerfully tonic, and satisfactorily ap-  
petent, they are mild in their operations, and bene-  
ficial to the whole system.

Weakness and Debility, Nervous Irritability.

The wholesome effect exercised by these admir-  
able Pills over the blood and fluids is generally  
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storing cheerfulness. Their general aperient  
qualities well fit them for a domestic medicine,  
particularly for females of all ages and periods  
of life. They never betray any disagreeable irri-  
tating qualities; they quickly eject all impurities  
from the system, and regulate every function of  
the body, giving wonderful tone and energy to  
weak and debilitated persons, while they brace  
the nervous system in a most extraordinary  
manner.

To Regain Health, Strength and Vigour.

Whenever persons find themselves in that state  
termed a "little out of health," and there are so  
many causes at work to shorten life, it is neces-  
sary that Holloway's Pills, the finest purifier of  
the blood ever known, should be at once taken  
as they not only rid both solids and fluids of all  
morbid matters, but regulate all disordered ac-  
tions, and strengthen the frame in a most extra-  
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These Pills, assisted in their action by rub-  
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a day upon the throat and chest, and keeping  
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only curing old settled coughs and colds, but  
asthma of many years' standing, and even when  
patients were in so bad a state as not to be able  
to lie down on their beds lest they be choked by  
phlegm.

Derangement and Distension of the Bowels,  
Flatulency, Diarrhoea, and Dysentery.

Any symptoms of the above complaints should  
be immediately met by appropriate doses of these  
Pills, according to the printed directions: delay  
may be followed by disastrous consequences.  
These Pills are a certain remedy for all the ail-  
ments of the alimentary canal. They secure the  
thorough digestion of the food, and act most  
kindly on the stomach, liver, bowels, and kidneys.  
As a household medicine, they are unrivalled, and  
should always be at hand.

Very Important:—Of Costiveness Beware.

But little notice is taken of costiveness; yet  
at certain periods it is a sure sign that danger is  
near. All who are seized with apoplexy and  
paralysis have previously suffered from costive-  
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we know the rest. Let wives counsel their hus-  
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bed a second night if the bowels have not been  
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they feel heavy and drowsy. A few doses of these  
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Constipation of the  
Bowel  
Consumption  
Debility  
Dropsy  
Dysentery  
Erysipelas  
Female Irregularities  
Fever of all kinds  
Fits  
Gout  
Head-ache  
Indigestion

Inflammation  
Jaundice  
Liver Complaints  
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Piles  
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Scrofula, or King's Evil  
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Tumours  
Ulcers  
Venereal affections  
Worms of all kinds  
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There is a considerable saving by taking the  
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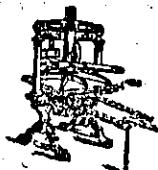
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At 12 o'clock.

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At Goodger's Yards, Cromwell.

**W. J. BARRY** has been favored with instructions from **RICARD LANCASTER, Esq.**, of the Beaumont, to Sell by Public Auction on the above date, without the slightest reserve, a mob of splendid Fat and Dairy Cattle, consisting of—

- 80 PRIME DAIRY COWS, in full milk and about to milk. With and without Calves.
- 20 Two and Three Year old HEIFERS, near calving, and all hand-fed.
- 20 From One to Two Year old STEERS and HEIFERS (mixed).
- 30 Head of PRIME FAT BULLOCKS, provincial bred.

The Auctioneer can with confidence state that such a splendid mob of Cattle as this has never been offered in the up-country districts. The Cows have all been selected by the most competent judge in the province for dairy purposes; and the Bullocks are in splendid condition, and fit for the butcher.

The whole will be positively sold to the highest bidder, without the slightest reserve.

Such an opportunity for securing Prime Dairy and Fat Cattle seldom occurs, and the Auctioneer trusts that Mr Lancaster's enterprise in bringing such a splendid mob to the district for absolute sale will be duly recognised.

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Business Connection of the premises, and Hotel, General Store, Butchery, and Bakery, is extensive; and it is only relinquished by the present proprietor in consequence of his being desirous of retiring from business.

The district is a rising one, and situated as the premises are—in the vicinity of the Carrick Range Reefs—a more desirable opening is seldom to be met with.

to be taken at a Valuation.

For further particulars, apply to **MATTHEWS** at **NEWICK, Argus office**, or to

**JOHN RICHARDS,**

On the premises.

## **NOTICE.**

**RENT of the**

## **Junction Commercial Hotel,** **CROMWELL.**

**JOSEPH HARDING** begs to intimate that he has purchased from Mr G. W. Goodger the above large and centrally-situated Hotel, and is now in a position to offer accommodation of a superior description to all who may favor him with their patronage.

His past experience in the WINE and SPIRIT trade, will he trusts, be a sufficient guarantee that the Spirits and Malt Liquors served will be as pure as on the day they left the vintory or the distillery.

The BEDROOMS, PRIVATE PARLORS, &c., are fitted up in the best style, and every attention will be paid to secure the comfort and convenience of visitors.

Large and Comfortable  
**BILLIARD ROOM,**  
Fitted with one of Alcock's Tables.

Particular attention has been paid to the **STABLES** in connection with the Hotel, and the public may rely on Every Care being taken of their Horses.

Meals ready at ALL HOURS of the day.

**J. HARDING.**

## **PRELIMINARY NOTICE.**

## **NEW General Grocery Establishment IN CROMWELL.**

**THE** undersigned beg to intimate to the residents of Cromwell and the surrounding district that they have purchased that central allotment of land opposite the Council Chamber, and are now having erected a large and commodious building, which will shortly be opened as a **GENERAL GROCERY ESTABLISHMENT**. Arrangements have been made for a constant supply of the very best articles obtainable in the Dunedin market, and they trust that by attention to the wants of their customers they will receive a fair measure of public support.

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## **NOTICE.**

**THE PARTNERSHIP** heretofore subsisting between **LANE OLIVER** and **JESSE GEER**, both of the Bendigo Gully Reefs, a Restaurant-keepers, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

**LANE OLIVER** will receive all accounts owing to and settle all debts due by the late firm.

**JESSE GEER.**

**LANE OLIVER.**

Witness—**R. Kelsall.**

Dated at Logantown, this 12th day of May, 1870.

## **LOST.**

**NEAR CROMWELL BRIDGE** on SATURDAY, 28th MAY, £40, in three Bank of New South Wales Notes:—£20-note, No. 882; £10-note, No. 570; and £10-note, No. 5564.

## **£10 REWARD**

Will be given to any person returning the above to **THOMAS PRITCHARD,** 30-31 Kaurau Gorge.

**£2 REWARD.**—LOST, from Cromwell, a dark brown HORSE, aged; steps short; branded on near neck H O (third letter not distinct). Last seen about 6th April. The above reward will be paid to any person delivering the horse at Mrs WEAVER'S Store, Cromwell.

## **CHARLES CONSTANTINE.**

**IF** this should meet the eye of **CHARLES CONSTANTINE**, lately living at the Elbow, he is requested to communicate with the undersigned. A Letter of Credit has been lying for him for some time at a Bank in town.

**F. A. VON HAMMER,**  
Invercargill, Southland.

## **MUI OOF.**

**BRETHREN** hailing under the above Order, and those desirous of forming a LODGE, are requested to meet at Kidd's CROMWELL on SATURDAY, 11th JUNE, at 8

## **CATHOLIC CHURCH,** **CROMWELL.**

**THE SOLEMN DEDICATION** and **BLESSING** of the New Church will take place on **Sts. PETER and PAUL's DAY**, the 29th JUNE. The Committee respectfully requests that persons holding subscription lists, and also persons not having paid their subscriptions as promised, will send in the various amounts to the Treasurer (Mr W. SHANLY) as soon as possible, as a heavy debt still hangs over the church.

By order of the Committee,

**PATRICK KELLY, Secretary.**

The Rev. Fathers **NORRIS, MALONEY**, and **ROYER** will officiate.

## **New Advertisements.**

WILL BE CLASSIFIED IN OUR NEXT.

## **MUNICIPALITY OF CROMWELL.**

## **NOTICE TO RATEPAYERS.**

All RATES MUST BE PAID to the Collector, at his office (Council Chamber), on or about SATURDAY NEXT, 11th inst. Citizens not complying with the above notice will not be entitled to have their names placed on the Roll.

**GEO. JENOUR,**  
Town Clerk.

## **CLAUSE XXX.**

Of the "Otago Municipal Corporations' Empowering Act."

"If after the expiration of the time limited for the payment of any rate to be collected under the provisions hereof and the said Ordinances or either of them in respect of any property assessed any person liable to pay the same shall neglect or refuse to do so the collector of rates by virtue of the warrant of his appointment to office may satisfy such rates by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the person so liable together with such charges as are specified in Schedule C hereto."

## **ROYAL OAK HOTEL,** **ARROWTOWN.**

**JAMES GARROWAY**

**BEGS** to announce to the inhabitants of the Wakatip district, and the Public generally, that he has purchased the above premises from Mr W. Scoles, and that he intends to use his best endeavours to make the **ROYAL OAK** second to none of the Up-country Hotels for comfort and superior accommodation.

The house contains Private Parlors, twelve comfortable Bedrooms, and the fare supplied is of the best description.

There is an excellent range of stabling attached to the Hotel, which is under the immediate management of the Proprietor.

\*Large Billiard Table on the Premises.\*

Every attention paid to the comfort of Travellers.

The Clyde and Queenstown Mail Coach changes horses at the **ROYAL OAK.**

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Substantial and Commodious Stables, a well fenced Strawyard and Out-houses:

—ALSO—

Several Well-bred Cattle, Fowls, Turkeys, Pigs, &c., &c.

N.B.—The only reason for wishing to dispose of the above valuable property is that the owner is about to leave the colony for his native land, on pressing family matters.

For further particulars, apply on the premises to the proprietor,

**Mr D. BLAIR.**

## **Cromwell Post Office.**

MAILS CLOSE:

For Clyde, Dunedin, and intervening offices, every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 3 p.m.

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For Rocky Point, Luggett, Albert Town, and Cardrona, every Tuesday, at 9 p.m.

For Bannockburn and Nova, every alternate Monday, at 9 a.m.

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**J. REEKIE, Postmaster.**

## **COMMERCIAL.**

ARGUS OFFICE,  
Tuesday afternoon.

Our quotations are as follow:—

Flour (Robertson & Hallenstein's).—£17 to £20 per ton.  
Pollard, do. do., £12 per ton.  
Bran, do. do., £3 per ton.  
Oats.—5s per bushel.  
Wheat.—7s 6d per bushel.  
Chaff.—£3 per ton.  
Hay.—£10 " "  
Straw.—£7 " "  
Potatoes.—£12 " "  
Bread.—1s per 4lb loaf.  
Butter.—2s per lb.  
Cheese.—1s 6d " "  
Bacon.—1s 6d " "  
Ham.—1s 8d " "  
Eggs.—2s per dozen.  
Kerosene.—5s 6d per gallon.  
Candles.—1s 3d per lb.  
Mutton.—4d to 6d  
Beef.—7d and 8d  
Lignite, 32s. per ton.  
Firewood (scrub), £4 per load.  
Cartage from Dunedin.—£13

## **THE**

## **Cromwell Argus.**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1870.

The British mails via Southampton will leave Dunedin on or about the 11th inst.

It will be perceived by Mr Fraser's letter to the Town Clerk that plans have been at last prepared for our new Court-house, and a sum of money sufficient to erect it placed on the Estimates.

A special meeting of the Town Council was called by his Worship the Mayor on Wednesday last, for the purpose of expressing the Council's approval of the very efficient manner in which Sergeant John Cassels had discharged his duties since his appointment as Sergeant in charge of the Cromwell district. It was proposed by Cr. Kelly, seconded by Cr. Whetter, and carried, that a vote of thanks be passed to him, and, also, that a testimonial in recognition of his past services be presented to him. We believe it is the intention of the inhabitants to present the Sergeant with something substantial, in recognition of his untiring zeal in the execution of his duty.

In our last issue we mentioned that a petition, having for its object the throwing open of 10,000 acres of land on the Hawea Flat, was being extensively circulated for signature in this district. It was sent down to Dunedin yesterday afternoon for presentation to the Council. There are many signatures attached to the memorial.

On the 21st of

We learn from the five-mile Creek (near the Lowburn) that the sluicing-claim recently opened by Messrs Robert Perriam and party is yielding very good wages. The construction of the tail-race cost the shareholders (four in number) a twelve-month's labor. The returns from the last paddock washed-up proved very satisfactory.

It will be perceived by advertisement in another column that parties failing to pay their rates before the 11th inst. will not be entitled to have their names placed on the roll. We are certain that if ratepayers peruse Regulation XXX of the Municipal Bye-laws (published in the same advertisement), they will see the advisability of paying their rates within the specified time, and having their names placed on the roll, instead of being forced to pay them after the time allowed has expired, and losing the privilege of voting.

From Frankton we learn that the steamer Victoria will soon be again plying on Lake Wakatip. It will be remembered that some five months ago the Victoria was accidentally carried down the rapids into the Kaurau River, where she remained until last Saturday high and dry on a sandbank. The owners fortunately succeeded in engaging a party of experienced Canadian bushmen to attempt the difficult and hazardous feat of dragging the steamer up the rapids and on to the Lake; and we are glad to learn that the task was successfully accomplished on Saturday last. The Victoria steamed up to Queenstown on Monday, in order to undergo some slight repairs.

We are requested to direct attention to the fact that Mr Lancaster's mob of 150 mixed cattle is announced to be sold by auction on Friday next, the 10th inst. Mr Barry is the auctioneer, and the sale will take place at Goodger's yards, near Cromwell.

"C. W. B." Has sent us some original lines entitled "An Elegy on a Favourite Turkey," which, although very considerably below mediocrity, we should not object to publish for the edification of our readers if the author's real name and address were also given to the world. "C. W. B.'s" other communication will be attended to.

Mr D. Powell, of Queenstown, offered a large mob of dairy cows (from the herds of Messrs A. McLaren and Co., of Tokomairiro) at auction on Saturday, at Goodger's yards. Owing, however, to the short notice given, the attendance of buyers was limited, and only a few of the cattle were sold. The mob has since been driven on to Frankton, where Mr Powell is announced to offer them for sale to-day.

## **THE ESCORT.**

The following are the various quantities gold taken down to Dunedin by the fortnightly Escort:—

	oz. dwts.
Queenstown	1842 1
Arrow	621
Cromwell	615 0
Clyde	252 0
Alexandra	125 10
Dunstan Creek	336 0
Mount Ida	1017 0
Palmerston	116 10
Lawrence	793 2
Waipori	311 1
Waitahuna	214 14
Total	6,444 17

## **SLUICING IN THE BANNOCKBURN DISTRICT.**

Most of the miners who have been engaged on the Carrick Range reefs have recently come down, and set in to work in Pipeclay, Smith's, and Adams's Gullies. The near approach of winter has rendered this removal necessary, and work at the reefs will not be resumed till spring. Pipeclay Gully is occupied from the Kaurau river to its head, and the miners are making fair wages, now that water is plentiful. Wellings and party have cut a race from this gully to some new ground on the bank of the Kaurau, where they expect to do quite as well as any of the sluicing claims on the Gorge side of the river. In the All Nations' claim, work is being steadily proceeded with. On the deep lead, Bruce and party are busily engaged in preparing their shaft, and constructing a whim, by means of which they intend to work their claim in the original shaft, in consequence of the want of air in many of their drives, some of which, too, fell in to such a degree that they were twenty feet high in places. This claim has paid the lucky shareholders remarkably well, and with the increased facilities for working it which will be afforded by the erection of a whim, it is expected that the profits will be much larger than they have yet been. Bruce and party certainly deserve a rich reward for their claim in a very systematic and laborious manner.

On the 21st of

## MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Cromwell Municipal Council was held on Monday evening. Present: The Mayor, and Cms. Burres, Kelly, Whetter, and Dagg.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Outward correspondence was read and approved, and inward correspondence was read and approved.

It was moved by Cr. Kelly, seconded by Cr. Burres, and carried, "That the Town Clerk acknowledge receipt of letter from the Provincial Secretary in reference to the subsidy, and inform him that, as the Government refuse to pay the subsidy due the Corporation, instructions will be given to Messrs Howorth and Perkins, solicitors, to institute proceedings for recovery of same."

The following answer to letter ament the road between Cromwell and Clyde was read from Fraser, M.P.C.:

"Dunedin, May 19, 1870.

Sir,—In reply to your communication regarding the road between Cromwell and Clyde, I have to inform you that the sum of £100 has been placed upon the estimates for that work, and that it is the intention of the Government to proceed at once in making the necessary alterations and repairs. I was in hopes of getting a larger amount, but the Government assured me in the present state of their finances they did not recommend any addition to it. However, they have promised me, in the event of further sum being required to complete the road, they will endeavor to procure it, if possible, out of some contingent vote. As regards Court House, I am happy to be able to state plans for a very commodious one have been adopted, and a sum has been placed on the estimates sufficient to erect it; so you may instruct the Corporation that this want will very soon be supplied. I have been endeavoring in conjunction with the other Gold-fields members, to continue the subsidy to the Municipalities for years more; but we find that the feeling in the Council is against legislating on the subject this session, preferring to leave a new Council to deal with the matter.—I am,

Yours obediently,  
Geo. Jenour, Esq., "Wm. FRASER.  
Town Clerk, Cromwell."

Several other letters were read, amongst which one ament the proposed bridge across the river at Quartz-reef Point, stating that the Engineer had been requested to make an estimate of the cost of the proposed work, on receipt of which the Government will give favorable consideration to the application, in so far as the means at its disposal admit.—A letter from the Under-Secretary, on the state of the road to Queenstown, and the track to Wanaka, stating the Council that instructions have been given to have these works attended to at once, was read; and

The Town Clerk was instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the above, together with the ament the Melmore-street Reserve, &c.

On the motion of Cr. Kelly, seconded by Cr. Burres, the Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Municipalities of Queenstown, Clyde, and Lawrence, requesting them to join with this Council in a joint memorial to the Legislative Assembly, praying their Honorables to grant a sufficient sum of money for water supplies on the Otago Gold-fields: the memorial to be sent for presentation to the Gold-fields members, Messrs O'Neill and Vogel.

It was resolved, on the motion of Cr. Kelly, seconded by Cr. Dagg, "That this Council memorialize the Legislative Assembly in order to obtain an area of land for a commonage—the memorial to be forwarded to Mr Charles O'Neill for presentation; that the Town Clerk write to Mr Loughnan, requesting him not to grant any land on the Low Flat to applicants, and to bind the holders of land already granted not to interfere with the landing of timber; and also to write to the Secretary of Public Works, requesting that a block of land beyond the Municipal boundary be marked out, surveyed, and placed under the management of the Corporation, for a recreation ground,—and to the Superintendent, impressing upon him the necessity of a new Court-house being erected here immediately; and that a notice be inserted in the ARGUS, informing the ratepayers that all rates must be paid to the collector, at his office (Town Hall), on or before Saturday, the 11th inst., or they will not be entitled to have their names placed on the Citizens' Roll,—also, to publish Clause XXX. of the Empowering Act."

It was agreed that a man should be employed to keep the town race clean, in order that the town may be supplied with water fit for domestic purposes, until such time as the Public Works Committee can carry out the new works, as proposed.

This concluded the business of the evening, and the Council adjourned.

## ALBANY TOWN COUNCIL.

The usual fortnightly meeting of this Council was held in the Council Chamber on Friday evening last. Present: the Mayor, and Councillors Buresford and Theyers.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The outward correspondence was read and received, and there was no inward correspondence.

The Mayor opened the only tender sent in for putting up stone stages for the water tanks, and on the motion of Cr. Buresford, it was resolved to accept the tender, which was from Mr Thomas, for £6 10s.

It was also resolved that he had the notices sent to the sites for the water tanks.

## OUR DUNEDIN LETTER.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Dunedin, May 26, 1870.

Since my last letter, we have been favoured with a greater downfall of rain than we have experienced in Dunedin for the last two years. Its effects in town have been most disastrous. On the Water of Leith most of the bridges were swept away, and for some hours the lower streets of the town were under water. From the country districts, tidings of ruinous floods reach us, and it is impossible to estimate the amount of damage done. For the purpose of enabling country members to visit their homes, and ascertain the amount of injury caused to their properties, the Provincial Council was on Friday evening adjourned, and the session was only resumed to-day.

Mr Ashcroft's pet motion—that steps should be taken with a view to uniting the provinces of Otago and Canterbury—has been carried in the teeth of considerable opposition. Mr Donald Reid opposed the motion; and Mr Haughton evinced his strong centralistic propensities by proposing as an amendment that the remaining provinces of the Middle Island should be included in the proposed union. Considerable amusement was caused in the Council by Mr M'Indoe jeeringly moving that in the event of the proposed union being effected the seat of Government should be removed to Oamaru. To-day the several items making up the proposed £650,000 loan were submitted to the House. I notice amongst them £100,000 for water supply on the gold-fields, £20,000 for the Oamaru Dock, and £10,000 for bridging the Waitaki.

Tuesday (the Queen's birthday) was kept up right loyally by the citizens of Dunedin. In the morning there was a Volunteer Parade; several Royal salutes were fired, and Major Bathgate distributed prizes amongst the members. Later on in the day, there were numerous excursions to Port Chalmers and Portobello; but the Taieri race-course was the principal attraction. Mr Stephenson, who was appointed judge on the occasion, had the satisfaction of seeing his own horses win two out of the four races run. In the evening, there were various balls, soirees, and other social gatherings in various parts of the town. Strange to say, the weather on this occasion favoured the pleasure-seekers.

On the gas question, our Town Councillors, afraid to trust to their own sagacity, appealed to the people. They appeared to be quite as diffident in expressing an opinion as their representatives, the largest number of votes on any of the issues at stake being only about 250. The results of the plebiscite were: 154 for, and 92 against, the construction of gas-works; 44 for, and 193 against, the purchase of the present works for £23,000; 162 for, and 86 against, the acceptance of a fresh contract for lighting the city lamps at a reduced rate. In pursuance of these resolutions the Council now invites tenders for lighting the city lamps by either gas or kerosene. The tenders are to be deposited before the 1st July. The present contract expires on the 31st August, so our worthy potentates will in all conscience have sufficient time afforded them for deliberation.

"Dr Carr is Coming!" These words inserted times without number in the advertising columns of the *Otago Daily Times* have, during the last few months, been the cause of conjectures, many and strange, in the minds and mouths of the Dunedin public. Dr Carr, has, however, at last put in an appearance, and holds nightly seances in the Masonic Hall, when he lectures on and experiments in mesmerism, phrenology, and other darker and more incomprehensible sciences, labouring under the abstruse names of electro-biology, hypnotism, electro-physiology, &c., &c. Considerable disgust was expressed at the learned gentleman's performance by a certain member of the medical profession here, who even dared to call the great magician an impostor. In the course of his next lecture, the electro-psychologist hurled down the gauntlet to the world at large, and defied any one to discover any imposition in his performance. Report says that Dr Carr intends to cut out the M.D.s altogether, that he can cure stammering and other ailments by means of his magical powers, but hitherto the miracles he has worked have not been so beneficial to mankind. The other night one of his audience, under mesmeric influence, tucked his top-coat under his arm, and sallied forth to the Bank of New Zealand, under the firm impression that he had acquired possession of a nugget of gold. Yesterday evening, in his lecture on phrenology, Dr Carr invited his audience to choose subjects from among themselves for examination. The choice fell, in the first instance, on the hon. member for the gold-fields, Mr T. L. Shepherd; but he, with his natural bashfulness, strongly objected to figuring thus before the public, and would not be prevailed on to do so, although encouraged by the audience, who for several minutes shouted out to him to ascend the platform, addressing him by forcible epithets, having referred to him as a "stammerer" and "a fool."

## THE BENDIGO REEFS.

(From our own Correspondent.)

June 6, 1870.

The Cromwell Quartz Crushing Company are busily engaged in the construction of their second battery of five stamp heads. I am glad to learn that the recent injury to this company's machinery is likely to be soon remedied. The bad state of the roads and the recent floods have prevented the arrival of their new castings from Dunedin. The men employed on the reef are bringing stone to grass, and a large quantity will be ready for crushing when the ten stamp heads are set to work.

The crushing of 140 tons of stone from the Golden Link claim has given 9000ozs. of amalgam, or almost 30zs. of retorted gold to the ton. Yet this result is not so favorable as the former crushings from the famous Golden Link.

No. 3 east on Logan's line, which had been abandoned for some time, has been taken up by Thompson and Bains, who are sinking a fresh shaft. It is to be hoped that their venture will be successful. The other claims on the east up to No. 13 have suspended operations.

The contract for deepening the shaft in the Morning Star claim—No 1. west—has been completed. The shaft is down to a depth of 96 feet, at which depth a reef of from two to three feet in thickness has been struck. Prospecting in this and the adjacent claim is being proceeded with. The shareholders have shewn a great deal of perseverance.

The public crushing at the Aurora is nearly completed. The company has reduced the number of hands for the winter months, as a large quantity of stone was raised during the period the battery was crushing for the public; and this, with the stone which will be raised by the working shareholders, is considered sufficient to keep the mill at work till the frost sets in, when water is likely to be scarce, and quicksilver will not so readily amalgamate without steam or warm water.

The trial crushing of 20 tons of stone from No. 4 west (Messrs Dunn & Fendison) had not been completed when I wrote this, but is likely to yield a most satisfactory result. 10 tons from No. 2 west (Shanly and Co.) was just going through the mill. I will endeavour to send you the result in time for next issue.

The shareholders in Broadfoot and Kelly's claim have again commenced operations, being quite satisfied with the result of their trial crushing.

Colclough and party are pushing their tunnel forward. They have advertised in the Dunedin papers for new machinery with steam power, and expect to have five head of stampers in motion early in the spring.

The Alto Company have completed their dray-road at great expense, and are sending stone to the Aurora battery for a trial crushing.

The sluicing claims recently taken up in Bendigo Gully are in full swing. The late heavy rains have considerably injured some of the dams. The gully is occupied for a distance of eight miles, stretching from Messrs Smith and O'Donnell's hotel up to the Rise and Shine claim at the head of the gully. The shareholders in this claim are reported to be making from £8 to £10 per week per man.

## Lydia Thompson and Her Critics.

Mr Wilbur F. Storey, editor and proprietor of the *Chicago Times* (says the *Chicago Tribune* of the 25th February), was waylaid and assaulted yesterday evening by Miss Lydia Thompson and Miss Pauline Markham, members of the Blonde Burlesque Troupe, now performing in the Opera-house of this city. It seems that during the afternoon they hired a hack, and rode up and down Wabash-avenue, opposite to Mr Storey's residence, waiting and watching for that gentleman to come out. In the carriage with the ladies were Mr Henderson, agent of the troupe, and a young man named Gordon, commonly known as Archy Gordon, a sort of newspaper guerilla, who, for some time, has been hanging on the verge of journalism in this city. Mr Henderson states that he accompanied the ladies for the purpose of protecting them, and that Mr Gordon went to point out Mr Storey, who was not known by the other members of the party. They rode up and down the avenue for some time, until about half past five o'clock, when Mr Storey and his wife were seen by Gordon walking down the avenue. He pointed out Mr Storey to his companions. The party got out of the carriage, and walked towards Mr and Mrs Storey. On confronting Mr Storey, Henderson asked him if he was that gentleman. He said he was, and Henderson, according to his own statement, turned to Miss Thompson and Miss Markham, and said, "You are the two who were at my house last night, and who were so kind to tell me that I was a scoundrel and a villain."

scarcely out of his mouth before Miss Thompson drew a raw-hide from under her jacket, and struck Mr Storey in the face, the Markham woman following it up by a blow from a similar weapon. The blows were laid on thick and fast, to the number of twenty (according to Miss Thompson). Mr Storey defended himself with a walking-cane. When struck by Miss Thompson, he raised his hand and came to defend himself, and very naturally levelled a blow at his assailants. Mr Henderson stepped forward to defend his charges, and got a blow on the left temple. In less than an hour after, the spot was marked by a large swelling resembling an exaggerated wart. The women continued their work, one on each side of Mr Storey, laying on the blows as fast as they could. He used his cane, and Miss Thompson was cut across the knuckles of one of her fingers. Miss Markham stated that Mr Storey grabbed at her, tearing her collar, and demoralising her head-gear. Miss Thompson once retreated in the direction of the hack, but, seeing a chance to get in a few more blows, she returned to the attack and used the raw-hide again.

The entire performance did not occupy more than a few minutes. It was put an end to by some bystanders who interfered, apparently in the interests of the women, for they caught Mr Storey, and prevented him from retaliating any further. The assailants then beat a retreat to the hack, in which they were arrested by Officer Leutich, who came up at the close of the performance. The party were driven to the Armoury, with the exception of Gordon, who stood by and looked on while his friends were being thrashed by Mr Storey.

Mr John Lyle King went on the bail bond, the amount for the three prisoners being only 300 dollars, as the charge made by the policeman was disorderly conduct. Later in the evening, Mr Storey made a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, with intent to do bodily harm.

## Sheep-Shearing by Machinery.

(South Australian Register.)

An American citizen, Mr D. O. Macomber, has produced a sheep-shearing machine guaranteed to be an effective substitute to the professional shearer. The discoverer, in a letter dated Paris, December, 1869, acknowledges his indebtedness to Mr G. A. Anstey for first suggesting the principle of the invention, so that South Australia has a special interest in its success. Although many attempts have been made to supersede hand-clipping, the shearing hitherto has triumphed over mechanical ingenuity. Different apparatus have been from time to time tried, and have come very near the accomplishment of the end in view, but they have always proved defective in some point which was fatal to their general adoption. To judge by the testimonials and statements to hand, all obstacles have been overcome in connection with this new and simple machine, which has received the name of the American Patent Sheep-shearer. It is estimated that it will make 6000 cuts per minute, and perform its work with as much accuracy and completeness as rapidity. \* \* \* A testimonial has been received from Mr Henry Boynton, described as one of the largest wool-growers in the United States. In it the following passages occur:—"There can be no more doubting that sheep can be well and rapidly shorn by machinery, and your machine must take its place among the great labor-saving contrivances of the age. I tried it upon our heavy fleeced Vermont merinos, the most difficult sheep to shear of any in the world. The machine was put into the hands of men wholly unused to it, and yet, after a little clipping round the neck and legs of the sheep, the fleeces were off in five or eight minutes. With one man to catch and prepare the sheep, and one to operate the machine, I confidently expect it to take off 150 fleeces a day. Among the lighter-fleeced sheep of the West Texas, South America, and Australia, it will do more. The sheep leaves the machine with fewer cuts than generally result from the shearing, and the wool can be cut down to any desired degree of closeness and smoothness." It is impossible to describe the apparatus from the lithograph representation of it, and no explanation of its character and mode of working is furnished. The cost of shearing per 100 sheep may be set down at 23s, including 16s for wages, and from 7s to 8s for rations. An experienced shearer can in the season of six weeks manipulate about 1500 sheep, so that the aggregate of men required may be set down at 30,000. We have no means at hand of knowing the number of sheep runs in the colonies, but it is believed that the machines, if universally introduced, and each worked by a man and a boy, or by two men, would employ nearly as large a number of hands as are now engaged during the shearing season. The great advantage of the apparatus to the sheep farmer will consist in its capability to supersede skilled labour. This will be a great desideratum, for the demand for roughly efficient workmen in this branch of the business frequently exceeds the supply. The machine, if it fulfils expectations, will give permanent deliverance from this unfortunate state of things, and in the long run the shearers will not suffer

## Postal Communication with Great Britain.

(Canterbury Press.)

The postal communication between Great Britain and the Australian colonies finds some difficulty in establishing itself on a satisfactory footing. For upwards of years the colonial Governments have engaged, off and on, in attempting to arrange some scheme which shall suit all alike, but hitherto without success. The chief difficulty arises from the jealousies that subsist between Victoria and New South Wales. Either Sydney or Melbourne must be the head quarters, and neither can be prevailed on to give way to its rival. But the matter is otherwise not an easy one to settle. Each colony has some pet line of its own, which it wishes to have adopted in preference to or simultaneously with any other. Queensland is specially interested in the maintenance of the route via Torres Straits, which New South Wales for similar reasons is unwilling to assist in supporting. Victoria refuses to contribute to the support of a mail service via Torres Straits, but insists on the old line via Suez, which also is the one that suits South Australia. Victoria, too, is still striving to carry out her favourite plan of a line of steamers round the Cape of Good Hope. New Zealand will be satisfied with nothing else than a service across the Pacific by way of San Francisco. One glance at the map is enough to show that this is by far the most expeditious way of communicating with Great Britain and Europe; and now that the railway has been extended across the American continent, it has become a matter of positive certainty. The commercial advantages are too great to leave any doubt that all the Australian continent will sooner or later come into it. In this respect the failure of the Papanua Company was not altogether a misfortune for New Zealand, since it will now be able to get substantially the same service performed at one-third of the cost.

So far, then, as New Zealand is concerned, the question of the route is settled, and the ultimate assistance of the other colonies may be pretty confidently reckoned on. But the manner in which the service shall be carried on has yet to be decided. The contract entered into by Mr Vetch with Mr Hall can scarcely be regarded as more than a temporary arrangement, pending the development of some more complete scheme. Possibly it may not be ratified by the Assembly, where it is certain to be opposed by the representatives of Wellington, which is furious at the selection of Auckland as the port of call. The passionate jealousy existing between Auckland and Wellington is an amusing parody, on a reduced scale, of a similar state of feeling between Sydney and Melbourne. If, however, we judge by the first trip, the contract was well enough. The passengers and mail from Auckland, by the Wanga Wanga, were duly forwarded on from Honolulu, San Francisco, by one of the Pacific Company's steamers, and the return was accomplished in like manner, though certainly a day or two after the stipulated time. That the steamer brought no English mail is explained by the novelty of the arrangements, as no mail would be dispatched from England till the necessary instructions had been forwarded to the London Post-office. If Mr Hall can secure the co-operation of the Pacific Company, and the regular transmission of letters across the Continent, we do not see that so far there is any valid ground of complaint against the contract. The principal objection to it is the delay in the distribution of the letters after arrival that must result from the port of call being situated at the extremity of the colony—an inconvenience that will be greatly felt in the Southern Provinces. Lately a formidable opponent to Mr Hall has presented himself in the person of Mr Collicie, agent of Mr Webb, a well-known shipowner of New York, who intends, if sufficient inducement is offered, to establish a line of steamers between San Francisco and Australia, via New Zealand. The details Mr Collicie's proposals have been published. They have been received in Wellington with vast favor; owing, we may venture to say, to the fact that Mr Collicie prefers Wellington as a port of call, and that the adoption of this line would be a triumph over Auckland. Lastly, there is a mysterious company, with Sir George Grey for chairman, which has figured often in the English telegrams, and whose prospectus was received last week. It would be of very sterling value to accomplish a mail service between Sydney to London in 12 days, a trip each way, which would be of very sterling value to the colonies.



## News by the March Suez Mail.

The rumour which has been freely spread that the Prince and Princess of Wales will visit Belfast shortly after the Belfast Albert Memorial, turns out to be without foundation. The committee have met, and forwarded a request to her Majesty to inaugurate the memorial. Should she be unable to comply with the invitation, the Prince of Wales will be invited.

The wife of the convict Rossa lectured at Tipperary on March 17, and received an enthusiastic ovation. The hotel where she was staying, and some other houses in the town, were searched by the police for arms, but without success. On March 22 she read for the first time in the Theatre Royal, Limerick. Her *debut* was made the occasion of a regular *fièvre* by the Nationalists; they are described as being wild in their enthusiasm. The lady's elocution is said to be above the average. Everything passed off quietly.

A communication from Clara states that a farmer named Macnamara was going home in the evening, accompanied by another man, when a quarrel took place, in which the former received a serious stab from his companion, who is now under arrest. There is very little hope of Macnamara's recovery. A man named Gorman, a farm laborer, living near Clonmel, was murdered March 17 by a companion named Curran, while going home from the town. No provocation for the crime is stated to have been given. Curran has been arrested, and fully identified.

An extraordinary case of suicide has occurred at Paris. A well-dressed man about forty descended the Quai des Minimes, and seating himself beside a man who was fishing, lit a cigar. He then turned one to his neighbor, and after a few minutes' conversation plunged headforemost into the river. The fisherman dropped his rod and jumped in after him, but the first immediately struck out and swam away, and the other regained the bank. The former shortly after returned, and, while swimming in front of his temporary acquaintance, drew three napoleons from his pocket and commenced tossing them in the air like a juggler. At the approach of a number of persons, alarmed by the cries of a spectator of this strange scene he allowed the coins, and diving under the water did not re-appear. His body was found until the evening, and as nothing was discovered on it to establish his identity it was taken to the Morgue.

We read in the *Stadi Gend*:—"Within a few days there has been a pressing correspondence between the Belgian and Dutch Governments respecting a somewhat serious matter. Mr Gladstone received a letter in which a person, whose signature was illegible, used violent language towards him. Among other things he stated that if Mr Gladstone were in the measures taken with regard to the Varna Railway Company might expect to be stabbed or shot. The letter had been written at Ghent, and it was in that city. The English Government handed the letter to our ambassador in London, who sent it to our agent for inquiry at Brussels. That agent has taken place in Brussels, but standing all the time, the investigation has not been completed.

A horrible murder was recently committed in the Rue Amelot. A carpenter named Maillot, who occupies a small apartment on the fifth floor of the house No. 34bis, received the following letter:—"My friend, I murdered my wife at three o'clock this morning, after a dispute about her master, M. Humbert. He remains responsible for our child. He is the cause of our misfortune. When you receive this letter I shall be dead.—FRAISE." This note bore the post-mark of Montreuil, near Paris. The writer lived on the same floor as Maillot, who at once gave notice to the Commissary of Police, and the door of Fraise's rooms having been forced open, a frightful spectacle presented itself. The woman was lying on the bed with her head nearly severed from the body, which was mangled in an indescribable manner. The sight was so shocking that a medical man who was sent for fainted on entering the room. The woman was evidently murdered in her sleep, and the man must have remained with the body for about four hours after the deed. Fraise was employed as porter on the Lyons Railway, and was thirty years of age; his wife was a year younger, and they had one child, a girl of eight, at present in hospital. The woman before her marriage had been in the service of M. Humbert, her former employer; on the afternoon in question she had been engaged to dine with Madame Humbert, who was at home, and Maillot in the evening.

Maillot, the latter receiving 250 points, and Cook won by 540 points, ending his 1000 in the remarkably short space of one hour and forty minutes. His opponent's longest break was 52, but amongst the champion's were—103, 81, 59, 95, 75, 140, and 417.—Brilliant as was his play on this occasion, he could not

The late Mr Charles Egan, wholesale woollen merchant, of High Street, Dublin, has by will bequeathed a very large sum of money, amounting to somewhere about £240,000 in personality, and funded property and real estate of the value of £1800 per annum, to Cardinal Cullen, for Roman Catholic charities and other purposes. The bequest is an absolute one, but the will is not unlikely to be contested by some of the testator's relatives, for whom but slender provision was made, and the point to be raised is whether the gift of personality is or is not void for remoteness.

The North-German Parliament has abolished capital punishment by a vote of 118 to 81, in spite of a strong speech from Count von Bismarck, and a threat that the Federal Council would reject the common Penal Code. On March 15, the debate upon the penal code was resumed in the North German Parliament. On the clause relative to the punishment of political offences the House adopted a resolution moved by the National Liberals to the effect that political offenders shall only be confined in gaol when their acts have been traced to dishonourable motives. In other cases they are to be confined in fortresses.

A letter from Cracow, dated February 25, states that Barbara Ubyk, the nun who was confined in a cell in her convent, and rendered insane, as was alleged, by the cruelty of the treatment to which she was subjected, has just died in the hospital of the Holy Spirit. A popular demonstration being feared, she was buried privately.

Mr Bateman explained to a large audience at the Royal Institution, on March 18, the plan of himself and Mr Revy for connecting England and France by means of a submerged tunnel. The tunnel proposed would be about twenty-one miles long and thirteen feet in diameter, the sides of the chamber being of cast-iron, eight inches thick. Mr Bateman explained in detail how such a tunnel could be laid. The work would, he estimated, be done in five years, at a cost of eight millions, and he hoped it would be accomplished.

The largest photographic portrait lens ever made in England has recently been completed by Ross. It is an achromatic lens of great power, and will take portraits of any size, from the smallest miniature up to very near life-size. It is made of glass of the whitest description, and its size admits so large a volume of light that photographs covering a space of 10in. x 12in. may be done in eight seconds. The lens renders in the photograph all that is seen in the optical image, and this so truthfully that the coarseness and exaggeration appertaining to large photographs taken with inferior lenses are altogether absent. In the open air groups of 15 to 20 persons (each face about the size of a sovereign, and the whole picture 24in. x 24in.) can be taken with the short exposure of ten seconds. The cost of manufacturing the lens was upwards of £200, but it may be said to be worth its weight in gold.

Mr Charles Dickens, jun., has made a successful appearance at the old theatre at Richmond, in the character of Toby Heywood, in Douglas Jerrold's comedy of "The Rent Day." There is no truth in the report that Mr Dickens intends to adopt the stage as a profession. At the Richmond Theatre he has performed as one of a company of amateurs, strengthened only by a few professional ladies.

## Billiards.—Cook, jun., v. Roberts, sen.

The fact that W. Cook, jun., and J. Roberts, sen., had not played together since the memorable 11th of February, when Cook wrested the title of champion billiard player from John Roberts, senior, was in itself sufficient to fill Mr Vicker's saloon, the Horse and Groom, Walworth, almost to suffocation on March 16, standing-room only being available soon after the commencement of the game. At 8.25 Roberts broke the balls by trying to screw in off the spot; but failing to score, he let in his opponent, who at once gave a sample of his execution by making 65 before breaking down. Roberts, however, was the first to complete the first 100, and at one time (after a fine break of 101) was 240 to Cook's 108. The young champion, nothing daunted, quickly responded to this by breaks of 177 (44 spot strokes) and 67, the latter being a grand specimen of all-round play. When the interval for refreshment took place, Cook had just added a magnificent sum of 204, which comprised 48 consecutive spot strokes, and in which his precision in hazard striking, his wonderful delicacy of touch and knowledge of strength, were fully exemplified. On resuming play, Roberts at one time lessened the great gap between himself and his opponent, but his efforts were all in vain, as Cook at 11.40 had scored his 1000, and went out with an unfinished break, the winner by 245 points, Roberts scoring 755.

On February 26, W. Cook, the champion, played a match at Aylesbury with J. Roberts, the latter receiving 250 points, and Cook won by 540 points, ending his 1000 in the remarkably short space of one hour and forty minutes. His opponent's longest break was 52, but amongst the champion's were—103, 81, 59, 95, 75, 140, and 417.—Brilliant as was his play on this occasion, he could not

## Provincial and General.

An amusing incident, characteristic of the precocity of young New Zealand, occurred at a recent meeting of creditors, held at the Royal Hotel, Oamaru. The meeting was largely attended by the chief business men of the town. The two local lawyers were at their post, and the war of words between debtor and creditors was about to commence, when one of the legal gentlemen discovered that there was an intruder, in the shape of a small boy of eleven or twelve years old, in the room, who he politely requested to retire. The boy did not appreciate the gentle request, but with bristling hair and defiant demeanour boldly took possession of the floor, and declared that he had as much right there as "any other man." He came as an opposing creditor. The bankrupt owed him 8s 6d, and he was not going to accept a compromise, no, not he, he knew better than that. A benevolent gentleman endeavoured to show the youngster that according to English law he had no right to be there, being under age. With ready wit, however, he stood erect, and cheekily said "so much the worse for British law; I be a foreigner." It is needless to say the gentlemen were convulsed with laughter, and the youngster—after many threats of being forcibly ejected if he did not leave peacefully—retired, hissing between his teeth, "he would oppose—he would send his big brother to do it for him." The bankrupt and his legal adviser smiled complacently when this youthful but demonstrative creditor had been ejected, and the business of the meeting proceeded.—*Oamaru Herald*.

A miner named William Cox, suffering from a broken leg, was brought from the Greenstone yesterday by his mates, and conveyed over to the hospital. There is a curious circumstance connected with this accident, the same man having broken the same leg about six months ago whilst crossing the creek on a log situated about three hundred yards from the site of the present accident. It appears that Cox was working in the face of the claim, and a fall of earth took place, which covered him all up but his head. He was warned by one of his mates who was working on the top that the ground was dangerous, but Cox either did not hear the warning, or paid no attention to it. Fortunately the land-slip was composed of turfy soil, and the pressure not being very great, he was easily extricated. He was, however, in great danger of drowning before relieved, as the head-race, which had been turned on the stripping, partially inundated the claim, and had the earth which covered him been of a gravelly description, there is every probability that he would have been smothered by the water, owing to the time which it would have taken to have got him out. Had it not been that the leg was not thoroughly healed up, it is not expected that any bones would have been broken, as the stuff which came down was merely top-stripping of a very light turfy nature. Much credit is due to Mr Whitten, of Chiffing and Whitten, for his kindness in having sent up to Stafford Town a spring van for the special purpose of bringing the unfortunate man to town.—*W. C. Times*.

The *Thames Advertiser* gives a list of the crushings of the various claims and companies (numbering 56 in all), during the month 11th April to 11th May. From this we learn that the Long Drive crushed 469 tons of stone, with a result of 1421 ounces of gold, or a fraction over three ounces to the ton; the Golden Crown, 585 tons—result, 885 ounces, rather better than an ounce and a half to the ton; the Kuramui, 720 tons—result, 1733 ounces, or about two and a third ounces to the ton. The total amount crushed by all the different claims was 6048 tons, and the gross yield of gold 10,809oz. 17dwts. 11grs.—being an average, within a small fraction, of 1oz. 15dwts. 18grs. to the ton.

James Young, who received such severe injuries some eight or nine weeks ago, was discharged from the Hokitika Hospital last Saturday, cured. This was a case of frightful mutilation which took place in the Greenstone district. It was caused by the falling of a tree, and the particulars, as nearly as we can ascertain, are as follows:—Young was engaged to bring down a water-race to the diggings from a distant creek, and was working alone in a forest, two miles from the nearest habitation. He was cutting down a tree; and this, falling sooner than he expected, came in contact with another tree, and rebounded with great violence, knocking him down and producing a compound comminuted fracture of both bones of the right leg at its centre, with a severe lacerated wound extending through the perineum and right groin. It was bad weather at the time, and he lay beneath the tree in a wretchedly helpless condition for over forty hours, when he was fortunately discovered by his wife, who had been out all night in the rain looking for him. When admitted into the hospital, although a considerable portion of the bone of the leg was gone, efforts were made to save the limb, and happily proved successful. For some time back all the wounds have healed up. The limb is lying in an excellent position, and a good union has taken place in both bones.

An inquest was held at Jollie's Pass Accommodation House, Amuri, Canterbury, by Count de la Pasture and a jury, of whom Mr De Moulin was chosen foreman, on the body of a man named Samuel Gilmour, who was found dead. From the evidence it would appear that Gilmour had been employed by Mr Jones, of the Waiau station, to do some "cob" work, and that he was left alone in the station during the absence of Mr Jones and a man named Kean in Christchurch. During Mr Jones' absence, Gilmour went to Jollie's Pass, a distance of eighteen miles, and left for home, accompanied by another man as far as the Waiau. On the following Friday he was discovered lying dead on the floor of his hut, by Kean, on his return from Christchurch. No marks of violence were visible on the body, except on two fingers, which had apparently been severely bitten. Gilmour had evidently been dead some days when Kean returned, and his sleeves were turned up and his arms covered with mud, showing that when he had expired he had just left off work. It is a pity the attendance of a medical gentleman could not be procured, as it might have thrown light on what is at present a mystery—the cause of death.—*Lyttelton Times*.

The devotees of Mormonism in Wellington have much to suffer. If they go to hear "Brother Beauchamp," they are half suffocated in a densely-packed room, and on emerging are pelted with rotten eggs. The Wellington papers are saying a good deal just now about Mormonism and polygamy. To any person of either education or refinement, a religion which is composed of nonsensical quackery and the most repulsive sensuality, must be simply disgusting. Recent travellers say that Utah is by no means an elysium upon earth. On the contrary, it is described as a place where a sort of spiritual terrorism prevails, where the church takes abundant tithes, and where persons obnoxious to the saints are quietly put out of the way. Moreover, curiously enough, the same writers are unanimous in saying that the Mormon ladies are, as a rule, remarkably plain in personal appearance.

A gentleman, three (or more) sheets in the wind, came into our office a few evenings ago, and introduced himself as "The Poet of the West?" After staggering across to a chair, ejaculating repeatedly, as though there was a charm in the very words, "I'm—(hic)—I'm—(hic)—the Poet of the West?"—(the last word with a jerk to get it over)—our "jolly" visitor, who was in the greatest good humor with himself and everybody else, insisted on shaking hands. We did so, and, humoring his fancy, bowed him out as a very distinguished personage. Half-an-hour afterwards, we saw him sitting down on the footpath, which (it being a very wet night) was four or five inches deep in mud, muttering to himself, with evident satisfaction, "I'm the Poet of the West—the Poet of the West?"—A queer position for a poet, truly!—*Oamaru Times*.

Mr Fox (says the *Timaru Herald*) appears determined that the press of the colony shall only speak so much of the truth as he thinks desirable to be known, and in consequence of the Wellington correspondent of the *Otago Daily Times* having offended in this respect, by publishing certain unpleasant rumours which turn out to be true, Mr Fox has had the commission which he held as a volunteer officer cancelled. Two unfortunate clerks in the Defence Office have also been suspended on suspicion of divulging official secrets. A more glaring abuse of power was never perpetrated. If such things are permitted we shall next have Justices of the Peace, who happen to have the courage to oppose Mr Fox, struck off the roll. Mr Fox is only injuring himself by such foolish actions, for the press of the colony is not likely to be coerced by any Government.

A fire took place at Wanganui on the evening of the 23rd ult., by which the Commercial Hotel was destroyed. The fire originated from the explosion of a kerosene lamp. The building was one of the oldest in the town. The wind blew the flames towards the river, and the steamer Wallaby had a narrow escape. Steam was got up, and the men kept pouring water on her sails and rigging while she was in danger.

As an illustration of the extraordinary richness of some of the quartz in New Zealand, we (*West Coast Times*) may mention that a few days ago, at the melting house of the Union Bank, thirty ounces of gold were obtained from 107 ounces of picked stone from a Coromandel reef. At this rate a ton avoirdupois would yield 9158 ounces troy of gold, worth £25,000 sterling. The process employed was that of fusing at a high temperature the entire mass with a flux that converted the silica into a fluid glass, through which the gold sank to the bottom of the crucible by reason of its great specific gravity.

On Saturday last (says the *Oamaru Times*) a boy named Greenfield, in the employ of Mr Gavin McGhie, of this town, was sent by his master to deliver some goods, for which he received half-a-crown in payment. On his way back he was invited by a playmate to take a swing, which he did, first putting the car into his mouth. Owing to some jerk in swinging, he swallowed the half-crown, and has since been under the treatment of Dr Ebbs. His good deal

## Mr Gladstone, the Man of December.

Mr Gladstone completed his sixtieth year on Wednesday, December 29, 1869. It has often been remarked that particular days seem to exercise a magnetic influence upon the fortunes and destinies of certain men. Without reciting the many historical illustrations of this truth which Montaigne and others have laboriously collected, it will be sufficient for our purpose to notice that as the 3rd of September was called "Cromwell's Day," so the month of December might be called "Mr Gladstone's Month." It was on the 29th of December, 1809, that a child was born on English soil, but of Scottish parents, who was destined to share with Pitt and Peel the honor of being one amongst the three greatest British statesmen whom the nineteenth century has hitherto produced. It was in December, 1832, that this same child, after he had carried away the highest academical honors that Oxford can bestow, and had attained a vigorous and energetic manhood, entered Parliament for the first time, as a member for Newark. It was in December, 1834, that he began his official career as Junior Lord of the Treasury; and in December, 1845, that, as Secretary of State for the Colonies, he became, for the first time, a Cabinet Minister. It was in December, 1852, that he was gazetted to the Chancellorship of the Exchequer—a post in which he was to achieve a yet higher distinction, sharing with his illustrious chief and colleague (Peel) grander world than had ever been achieved by any other Finance Minister that Downing-street, had ever known. And, finally, it was in December, 1868, that standing upon the threshold of his sixtieth year, he crowned the edifice of a successful statesman's life by becoming Prime Minister of this mighty empire, which stretches over some 8,600,000 square miles of territory, and is inhabited by 244,000,000 of souls—or, in other words, by one-fifth of the human race.

## Kerosene Lamps.

(*Sydney Morning Herald*.)

Our ears are every day pained by accounts of kerosene lamps exploding and killing or scarring for life men, women, and children. A simple knowledge of the inflammable nature of the fluid would probably put a stop to nearly all the accidents. As the oil burns down in the lamp, a highly inflammable gas gathers over its surface, and as the oil decreases the gas increases. When the oil is nearly consumed, a slight jar will inflame the gas, and an explosion is sure to follow, dealing death and destruction. A bombshell is not more to be dreaded. Now, if the lamp is not allowed to burn more than half-way down, such accidents are impossible. Your lamps every morning: then you need never fear any explosion. Great economy can be practised in regard to the wick. There is usually one-third of a wick wasted. By sewing one wick to the fundment of the lamp, i.e., the same piece, into the lamp tube, you can burn more of it; but be sure you take it out before the part that joins the wick enters the tube. Now turn the wick on the other edge, and burn down to the joined edges. Thus a saving on both wicks is secured. To be sure the saving is very small, but the old adage is very true, "a penny saved is a penny earned." Half a teaspoonful of salt added to the oil of a lamp which holds a pint will take away the disagreeable odour sometimes apparent, and it is said, prevent the formation of that dangerous gas. It is a simple remedy, easily applied. It is also asserted that salt makes the oil last much longer, but we have only hearsay evidence concerning it. We may here remark that kerosene is the best antidote for a severe burn or scald. Immerse the injured part in cold water for a moment; dry with a soft cloth, taking care not to rub at all. Then bathe in kerosene, and the terrible pain ceases. We know of a little child who put his foot and leg into a pail of nearly boiling water. The above remedy was applied, and in a few minutes the child's screams ceased. We know not of the philosophy of the matter, but we do know that it is the most efficacious remedy for severe scalds in the *materia medica*.

It is stated that at the time the Kakanui sea wall was destroyed, a hundred tons of stone in ponderous blocks, lying on the shore in readiness for shipment, were carried out to sea.

From the statements of assets of several banks established in the Colony, we observe that the Bank of Otago is valued at £29,813, while that of the Bank of New Zealand, which has banks erected in all parts of the country, amounts only to £22,270.

We (*Evening Star*) learn that last week the child of an East Taieri settler was severely burnt. The mother having left the child on a chair at the fireside during a momentary absence, on her return found that the child had fallen into the fire on its side. Kerosene was at once applied, and the child is rapidly recovering.

*Holloway's Pills*.—Wonderful Cure of a diseased Liver.—Emily Burton, aged 24, of Hottenlows Holland Kloof, C. G. H. V. was for a long time in a very precarious state of health, owing to her liver being diseased. The medical faculty prescribed for her in vain. She was made use of with the like result. She made up her mind to try *Holloway's Pills*, which she took for a few days, and she was cured.

## THE OPHIR GOLDFIELDS.

Well, I got back to my abode about one o'clock in the afternoon, and after a hasty meal, not wishing to lose a whole day, I went to my claim, and set to for a three hours' dig. Strange to say, I had not been at work five minutes when I came across a very pretty little nugget, of about the size of a walnut, and a few minutes later picked out another as large as a crab-apple. I was about to pocket this latter, when I looked up and saw one of the assassins gazing down on me.

"Lucky find, mate!" said he, with a broad grin, that in my prejudiced mind seemed to say, "Aye, but it will be mine before long."

"Pretty well," I replied brusquely; and he walked away.

I found no more nuggets on that occasion; and at five o'clock I knocked off and made my way to my tent, where, after a good wash, I pulled an old gin case outside, sat down upon it, lighted my pipe, and coolly awaited the arrival of my visitors.

I had not long to wait. I presently observed two strongly-framed men strolling leisurely in my direction, as though merely sauntering at random through the diggings. As they came opposite to me, one of them started, and, addressing me, exclaimed, "Hollo, Ted, how long have you been at Ophir? and where did you hail from last?" and stepping up, he grasped me warmly by the hand.

Seeing what was expected of me, I heartily returned the pressure, saying, in a loud tone, "Why, about three weeks. But when did you leave Sydney? Come in, man, and bring your friend with you. Old friends like you and me should liquor up before questions are asked and answered," and inside we all went.

One of the two men that we wanted to catch was an eye and ear witness of the whole scene, but it was so naturally enacted that no suspicions that my two acquaintances were detectives could have entered his head.

I found that each of my visitors was armed with a revolver and a pair of handcuffs. They were both strong, powerful men, and more than a match for the others in every way. The plan, however, to make all things certain, and to prevent any unnecessary spilling of blood, was to wait until the ruffians were in their beds and asleep, when we were to steal in and try to handcuff them before they could wake up.

We had to wait many weary hours for the time to arrive, but at last the snoring commenced in earnest, and this was the signal. Handcuffs in hand, the detectives crept into the adjoining tent, I following them, with my revolver levelled, in case that one or both the rascals should wake up and be too quick for them. They did not wake up, and the irons were clasped around and locked on their wrists without their even twinkling an eyelid.

But now they were roughly awakened, and the senior officer said, "Tom Jackson and Ben Wilton, I arrest you for wilful murder. You must both of you get up and come along with us. I am Detective Sinclair, of the New South Wales police."

I never saw two men so struck with consternation and surprise as were these two worthies. At last one of them gasped out, "Murder! Wilful murder! Detective Sinclair! Why, you must be all mad!"

"The evidences of their crime are in their tent, remember," I said to Sinclair, nudging him with my elbow. "Let us search for the limbs of their last slaughtered victim."

The hint was promptly acted upon. We seized spades and picks, and in ten minutes every inch of the ground covered by the tent was turned over to a yard in depth.

No old men's legs were found, but we were not to be daunted, and proceeded to ransack the tent all over, still without any old men's legs turning up, though we spied two fine hind legs of kangaroo hanging up in an obscure corner.

"Well, are you satisfied?" asked one of the prisoners. "Are you convinced that you are on some wild goose chase? If so, take these cursed irons off and begone."

"No, we are not convinced," said Sinclair, with some asperity. "This worthy gentleman," pointing to me, "heard you confess last night to having murdered no less than eight old men, and such crimes will have to be accounted for. He heard you confess, too, to having hid the legs of your last victim in this tent; but doubtless you have this day removed them to some more secure hiding-place."

"He told you that, did he?—the young donkey!" screamed one of the accused, with an hyena-like laugh. "And so we have, too,—'old men' kangaroos,—and there are the legs we spoke of hanging up in that corner, ready for to-morrow's pie. Ha! ha! ha! he has brought you on a fool's errand, sure enough," and the roars of laughter he indulged in fairly shook the tent.

Both detectives looked fearfully annoyed, and yet they could not help laughing. Without a word to me, they took the handcuffs off the men and returned them to their pockets. Then Sinclair said, "What will you take to keep this matter secret? You see, through this unfortunate new chum's blunder, we shall get laughed off the diggings, unless you choose to be merciful. I'll give you a five-pound note

I lost no time in pitching my tent and marking out a claim, and twenty-four hours later I was as hard at work as the rest of the men.

My tent was pitched in close proximity to one occupied by two strong, burly fellows of thould convict class, or, at least such I set them down to be, on account of the odd way in which I fancied each of them lifted his left leg in walking, a peculiarity appertaining to most men who have been accustomed to perambulate in leg irons for an lengthened period. These men were always very civil to me, and of course I was always very civil to them; and yet, somehow or other, I contracted a dread of them, which I could neither overcome nor combat; and when sometimes one or the other came, pipe in mouth, to the edge of the p, and asked me how I was getting on, I used to fancy that it was only done to see whether I was turning up anything good, and consequently worth robbing; and I used to conceal my gold in all sorts of out-of-the-way places, in order to elude their suspected designs.

One night I heard a horrid revelation that confirmed all my suspicions against these men. And how I came to the very subject matter of my story.

I have said that my tent adjoined that of my two mysterious acquaintances; in fact, the canvas of one tent touched that of the other; and from my tent I could hear the conversation carried on in theirs very plainly. I had never before listened to their discourse, but one night, just as I was retiring to bed, I heard one say to the other, "Yes, this lit. knife did for him; I killed the old man with one blow, sir."

The horrible admission staggered me, and I felt that I must listen to the end of their discourse now, at whatever risk to myself; so I glued my ear to the canvas, in time to hear his mate rejoin "Did you now? And did the old fellow resist you?"

"Faith and he did," replied the assassin.

"He grasped me till he nearly pressed the life out of me, and tried to rip me up with his spur; but I drove the knife into him up to the hilt, and then I cut his head off."

"Bravo, Charlie!" cried the other, "that makes the seventh old man we've killed since our arrival in the colonies, don't it?"

"No, the eighth. Don't you remember the blackfellow?" was the reply.

"Oh, ay, to be sure, you're right," said the other; "but what have you done with the illustrious dead in this present instance?"

"Why, I left the body in the bush, with the exception of the legs, which are here in the tent."

The conversation here ceased, and was not resumed; in fact, a stertorian snoring soon told me that it was very improbable that it would be so for the night, at least; so I crept into my bed, not to sleep (how could I, with so horrible a discovery?), but to reflect upon all that I had heard.

"The eighth old man they had killed, and one of them an unfortunate blackfellow. Oh, the wretched miscreants!" I muttered to myself, and then my mind wandered away, and I wondered why it was that they always murdered old men—now it was that their victim tried to rip up his murderer with a spur, such an extraordinary weapon of defence, and what on earth had induced the assassin to cut off his last victim's legs and bring them into his tent. Latterly, however, I did sink into a disturbed, unrefreshing sleep, and was afflicted by a frightful dream, in which I fancied that one of my next-door neighbors was kneeling on my chest, and cutting my throat from ear to ear. My dream had some slight foundation, for I was awakened by a rough hand shaking me by the shoulder; and my eyes, on opening them, rested on the roughly-bearded face of the very man I had been dreaming of.

I was about to scream "murder!" for I thought that my last hour was come; but on glancing around, I saw that it was broad daylight, and that the fellow was merely asking me for a match to light his pipe with. This I immediately gave him, and he went away with a muttered expression of thanks.

That day, instead of going to work, I set out for the tent of the police commissioner, and after a long walk succeeded in reaching it. I had to wait a long time before I was granted an audience; but when I was ushered into the presence of the dread functionary, and told him as succinctly as possible the circumstances of the case, and how I had heard the rascals confess their numerous crimes, and particularly their last murder, the proofs whereof were within their tent, the enthusiasm of the commissioner was fully aroused, and he felt as anxious for their capture and punishment as myself. He suggested that two policemen, disguised as diggers and well armed, should come to my tent on the pretence of paying me a visit as old acquaintances, and that after it was dark and after the two murderers had turned in for the night, we should rush into their tent and secure them.

This was an exceedingly feasible plot, and I heartily entered into it; so I minutely described the position of my tent and to make it still more easily describable, promised that a bright red pocket handkerchief should be hanging on some conspicuous part of it, as though to dry and having made all these arrangements I took my leave.

out of my own pocket if you will keep this unfortunate affair dark."

"I will supplement Sinclair's offer with the largest of the nuggets that I dug up to-day," I said, feeling that if being laughed at was the general dread, I stood in the worst position of the trio.

"Hang your bribes!" was the retort.

"I would not give up the chance of circulating so glorious a yarn for ten times the value of what you offer. However, I will tell it as leniently as possible. And as for this new chum," turning to me, "when I first came to the colonies, I and my mate were both of us green enough to have made just as stupid a blunder; so I can't blame him. Come, let us sit down, and have a drink all round of real old Jamaica rum, of which we have an unbreached keg in stock."

The invitation was readily accepted, and we kept it up until daylight with songs, grog, and toasts.

So ended the tragedy of "Killing an Old Man," which I now learnt was a name universally bestowed on a large male kangaroo. These animals, when attacked, are very ferocious, and if they cannot get away, and are engaged at close quarters, they will clasp you with their short fore-legs, and pressing you tightly against their chest, will raise one of their strong hind-legs, which is armed with a terribly long, strong, and knife-shaped spur, and rip you right down with it, causing almost instantaneous death. When hunted with dogs, the "old man" will generally, when once at bay, disembowel two or three of his canine adversaries before he is dragged down and dispatched, and the human foe is often served in the same manner.

These two terrible murderers, as I thought them, turned out to be two right good fellows; one had been a cornet in a crack cavalry regiment at home, the other a curate of the Church of England. We soon became sworn friends and partners in what afterwards turned out to be a well-paying claim, and in the year 1867 we all returned to Old England—rich men.

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[From *Daily Times*' Correspondent.]  
MELBOURNE, 23rd May.

Twice within a week the inhabitants of Victoria have been startled from their propriety by awful news. Murder seems indeed to be the very error of the hour, and it is to be feared, like the suicide mania, it will spread. Let me narrate the facts. Last Tuesday, as Mr George Paton Smith, ex-Attorney-General, and now M.L.A. for South Bourke, was proceeding from the Supreme Court to the House of Assembly, he was met at the corner of Latrobe and Spring streets, by Gerald Henry Supple, also a barrister, and also, like Mr Smith, a constant contributor to the press here. Supple drew a revolver, and said, "Look out, I am going to fire." Suing the action to the word, he did fire. Smith dodged, and ran away, crying out as he went, "For God's sake save me, this man wants to murder me." As he ran Supple ran, and kept at the same time blazing away with his revolver. His fourth shot hit Smith on the elbow joint, and passed along the bone to the wrist, where it lodged, and whence it was extracted by Dr Motherwell. At this juncture a bystander named Walshe rushed at Supple and threw him to the ground. He fired as he fell, and the ball pierced Walshe's abdomen. In a city like this, you can judge what the commotion was. The news spread like wild-fire, and soon the town was flooded with contradictory reports of all kinds. First, it was said that Smith had shot Supple; then that Supple had killed Smith, and afterwards shot himself; and then that both Smith and Walshe were dead or about to die. The excitement spread even within the walls of the Legislative Assembly, and there a formal announcement was made of the fact that a member of Parliament had been shot on his way to the House. Soon the uneasiness which was felt on Mr Smith's account was dispelled, for after having had his wound dressed he walked to the Assembly, and had an interview with the Chief Secretary in the minister's room. It was not so well with poor Walshe, though. He was conveyed to the hospital, and as first it was thought that he was only slightly hurt. The ball had entered above the hip and traversed the muscles of the back till it reached the region of the spine. No difficulty was found in extracting it, and it was thought that as the spine was uninjured all might be well. This did not prove to be the case, however; and at three o'clock next day he died. A subscription was at once started, and I believe over £5000 will be raised for his family, which numbers six. The State intended taking the responsibility of the children of itself, and a sum will be placed on the Estimates for their future support. Supple's friends want to make out that he is mad. He has since the act gloried in it, but he has expressed regret that he killed Walshe instead of Smith. He now lies in gaol awaiting trial. Public feeling is very strong against him; still, I fancy a great effort will be made to prove him insane. The Crown, however, will not accept the plea, and I am told that an article he wrote in the *Austral* the day before the murder will be put in as evidence against him.

The floods in New South Wales again been accompanied by a sad loss of life, and a great destruction of property. At Maneroo, Mrs Caldwell, her seven children, and a man, whose name has not transpired, have been drowned. The Bombala bridge has been swept away, and property of different descriptions greatly damaged. The weather along the coast has been very stormy. The ship Medea, from Liverpool, encountered very heavy weather off Cape Otway, lost two of her boats, and sustained other damage. Portions of wreck have been washed ashore at Wollongong. The wreck has not been identified, but is supposed to have belonged to the schooner Hannah.

The Tasmanian Immigration Commissioners have received information from Mr Buck, their agent in Germany, to the effect that a large number of Germans are coming out to Tasmania in the Victoria, and that a continuous stream of emigrants may be expected from Hamburg.

Berlin is maintaining its reputation for nuggets. On Monday, Bonar and party got a piece weighing 10lb. in Catto's ground, just outside John's paddock-fence, and on Tuesday a 14lb. nugget was got in a claim a little lower down on the same run; 30oz. were also got on Tuesday, in pieces weighing from 7oz. downwards. The Chinamen are still doing well, one lucky Celestial having obtained a 20oz. piece a few days since, besides a handful of smaller nuggets.

There is to be no Birthday Ball to-morrow, Queen's Birthday, and great is the wail among the ladies and the growling with the gentlemen. Parsimony is alleged by some as the reason of his Excellency's deviation from a time-honoured custom. One of the grounds alleged is the recent death in the vice-regal family, and another that there is no room fit for such a reunion—the Exhibition Building being occupied for Mining Museum purposes.

Infanticide and child desertion are upon the increase. The Legislature will have to take some decided steps by way of prevention or check if this practice is not to become a national crime; hardly a week passes but some unhappy result of indiscretion is found murdered or deserted by its unnatural parent.

During the criminal sessions this week we had an instance of "once a thief always a thief," in one or two of three men brought up for a daring burglary most artistically executed in Bourke-street. Baxter, one of the trio, was concerned in the Nelson robbery in 1852, and though he had contrived to keep out of serious mischief since has led a life of plunder. One of the others had been convicted several times, and the third was well known to the police. The prisoners were found guilty, and remanded for sentence.

A shocking murder at Smythesdale is reported by the Ballarat *Evening Mail*. An old resident of that place, named Donald Cameron, living near the toll-gate, arose at about seven o'clock, and with scarcely any preliminary words, cut his wife's throat with a knife he had sharpened some days before, and kept in his possession. The fatal deed was instantaneously done, and the unfortunate woman rushed out of the house, in the opinion of the toll-gate-keeper, where Mr Daly, once to the man, sent off on his way. On this arrival, however, the medical gentleman, finding that, even had he been at the spot, he would have been unable to save the woman's life, had been divided. She left eight children, and at the time of her decease was *eniente*. Her youngest man, aged 20, was in bed at the time, and, hearing her shrieks, came to her assistance, but it was all too late. The husband was immediately secured and bound by the son. He kept until the arrival of the police, to whom he was given in charge. Cameron suffered some months ago from brain fever, since which time he has not been considered in his right mind. The woman having frequently expressed her opinion that he would do her and her children no good, Mr Daly's asking him the reason for the act, he replied that "it was another star in Heaven, and would be for the benefit of the Almighty."

The excitement over this sad affair was not abated when the telegraph flashed to Melbourne the news of a still more dire in its effects, by Mrs Moss was shot by a man named Jay who, immediately after the act, cut his own brains. Both parties were in a respectable position. Both were married, and both, it would seem, had been guilty of a criminal intercourse.

A case illustrative of "The Devil is in the Flesh," has been lately exchanged at Williamstown. A woman named Cox, who has been the paramour for years of a man earning good and high wages, a few weeks since, in a dispute about her mother and the man she was living with being partakers of the orgie, allowed her infant child to fall out of her arms into the fire without her knowing anything about it. She was tried for the offence, found guilty, and now awaits sentence. Surely Williamstown would be a more fit place for the missionary schooner than this, and much handier than Fiji.



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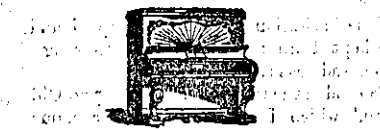
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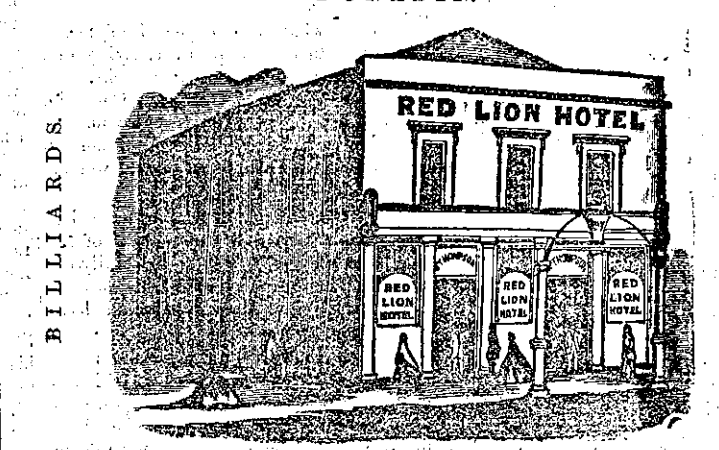
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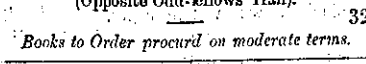
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